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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, January 18, 2006 in which a three-month period for response expired on April 18, 2006. After

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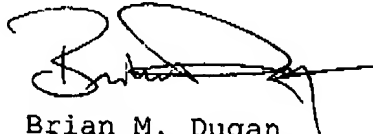
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granting the Request for a one-month extension of time, the response period will expire on May 18, 2006.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the one-month extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,



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